

REPORT

OF A COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL RELATING TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN RESPECTING NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE.

P.C. 1168.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 21st May, 1915.

The Committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Acting President of the Privy Council, advise that authority be given for the renewal, from the 31st of March, 1916, of the agreement between the Dominion Government and the province of Saskatchewan, for the services of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in that province

The Minister observes that the terms are similar in every respect to the agreement with the province of Alberta, authorized by Order in Council of the 19th April, 1915, and are as follows:—

1. The police to remain a Dominion Force entirely under the control of the Dominion Government, except in matters relating to the administration of justice, in connection with which the Commissioner will act in accordance with the wishes and under the direction of the Attorney General of the province of Saskatchewan.

2. The province of Saskatchewan to repay the cost of transportation and maintenance of prisoners.

3. The province of Saskatchewan in addition to repaying the cost of maintenance and transportation of prisoners, to contribute to the Dominion a lump sum of \$75,000 per annum, for services rendered by the Dominion Force, it being understood that the strength of the force in the province of Saskatchewan will be maintained at 250.

4. The agreement to continue in force until terminated by either Government on one year's previous notice being given in writing, said notice to terminate on the 30th June; Provided, that should the Government of Saskatchewan terminate the agreement before the expiration of five years, that Government will take over, at a fair valuation, any buildings which the Dominion Government may hereafter erect in the province for the accommodation of the police.

The Minister is of opinion that the arrangement as above set forth would be fair and reasonable, and he recommends that it be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

